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Office of the Secretary  
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12-31-04

Dear Sir:

Rescue of cell phones on planes in flight -  
Disastrous!! A cacophony of sound! - The  
Towers of Babel!

What in the world are they thinking  
of? Is there no peace to be found anywhere?  
To be literally trapped in such an  
environment is chilling.

Thumbs down on this one -

Sincerely,  
Larin Lane

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San Diego, CA  
December 29, 2004

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have read recently of the possibility of the FCC allowing airline passengers to use their cell phones during commercial airline flights. I would like to voice my strong opposition to such a policy.

Airline passengers are a captive audience and are restricted in their freedom of movement. Around cell phone users speaking loudly and frequently into their phones, passengers seeking quiet and privacy would be trapped. A flight which now offers a chance to read or sleep would turn into unendurable hours of having to listen to others' business deals or personal conversations. I can think of nothing that would make flying more unpleasant.

Designating a section of the plane for cell phone users, as we used to do with smokers, would not be an acceptable compromise. It didn't help with smoking, because the smoke could not be contained. Neither can the sounds of people's loud voices.

The technology may be available to allow this, but that does not make it a good idea.

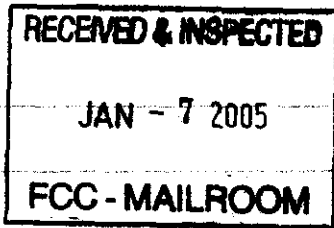
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not adopt this policy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Shappee".

Louise Shappee



28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004

FCC,

Do I WANT to SEE cell phone use on  
airplanes - The answer is NO! NO! NO!  
— JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE the technology it  
doesn't mean we HAVE to use it (eg nuclear weapons)

As it stands today - I cannot control  
people using cell phones in all sorts of situations  
but I CAN control my own movements and move  
away from hearing it. On a plane - this is  
impossible - AND FOR many people it will  
make them very, very nervous.

I can imagine PLANE RAGE!

The Freedom to NOT HEAR OBNOXIOUS  
conversations is ANALOGOUS to NOT  
Breathing Second HAND Smoke AND is just  
as detrimental to one's Health!

Sincerely

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December 28, 2004

Mr. Guy Benson  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Use of cellular phones  
on aircraft

Dear Mr. Benson,

I am writing this letter to you in hopes that you will present it to the Commission for its consideration the next time the topic of the use of cellular telephones on aircraft is discussed.

It is my strong belief that the current prohibition against the use of cellular telephones on aircraft after the aircraft has left the gate should be maintained. Every reader of this letter will have had one or more annoying experiences where they have had to listen to the loud, one-sided cell phone conversation that has become a bane of our society. Whether in line at the market, sitting on a bus or train, enjoying a quiet dinner in a restaurant, to name a few instances, the annoyance caused by someone blabbing (endlessly) on their cell phone is one of the more annoying experiences of modern life. To permit such conversations during flight would be intolerable. One is trapped in one's seat for the duration of the flight and has no method escape the aimless chatter of a fellow traveler. Such conversations typically occur in a voice louder than normal conversation, destroying the ability of a peaceful traveler to read or to sleep, in order to pass the time of the journey. Already there have been reports of rage and physical attacks on persons who thoughtlessly disrupt the peace of others through the thoughtless use of cell phones; it can be expected that such instances will be commonplace on aircraft, endangering everyone.

Airlines already have enough trouble attracting customers. Long lines to comply with security regulations, intrusive pat-down searches, inadequate food service, a Machiavellian scheduling and pricing structure (where else does it cost to fly more one way than it does to fly round trip?), lost baggage, crowded airports, and just this weekend, the failure of the Comair computer, leaving thousands stranded, are just of the few everyday indignities that make flying a burdensome undertaking. To add a thoughtlessly jabbering seatmate for several hours, with no escape would be the final straw for many. There could be no possible motive for allowing in flight use of cell phones unless it is for the airlines to assess some fee in connection with use. I suggest that any such fee will be more than offset by loss of passengers unwilling to travel next to someone chattering on their cell phone together with the cost of marshals necessary to maintain the peace.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas R. Mitchell*